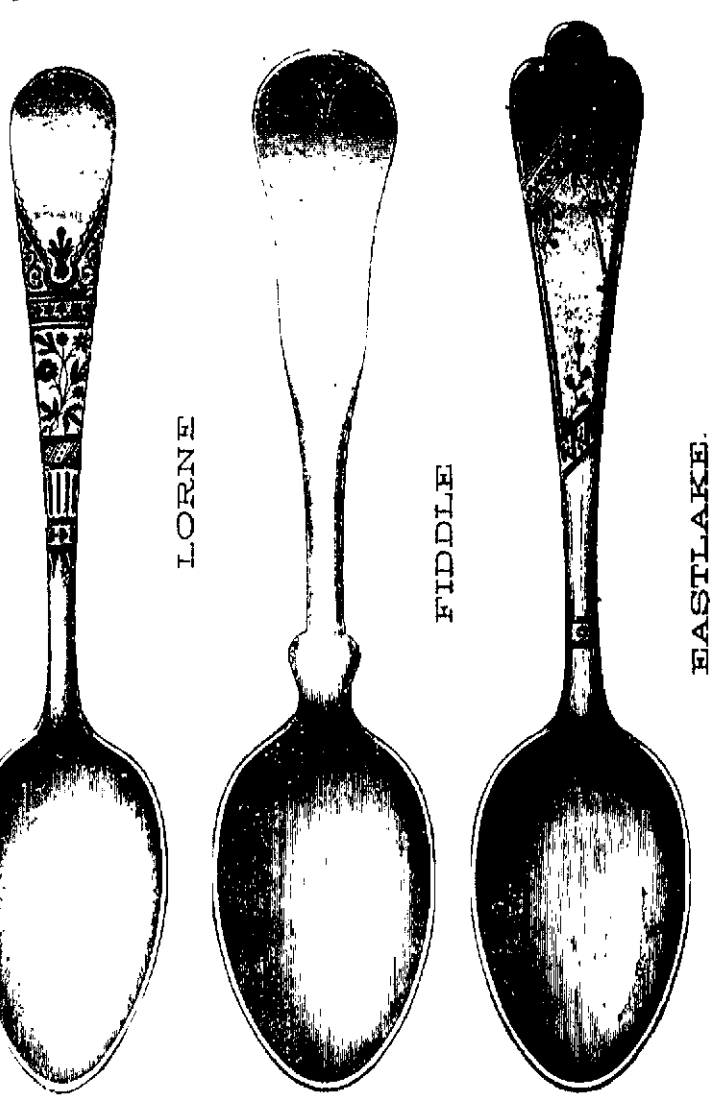


HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Get out this Price List and preserve it, as we will have to talk to you about something else.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern—5 Ounce or Extra Plate.

11 1/2 SPOONS—Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.
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Eastlake and Lorne Patterns—Both Fancy.

11 1/2 SPOONS—Not price, \$2.37 per dozen or \$1.19 per set.
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Fiddle or Plain Pattern—12 Ounce or Triple Plate.

11 1/2 SPOONS—Not price, \$1.62 per dozen or \$1.60 per set.
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OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.

LEADING JEWELERS OF ILLINOIS.

YOU CAN FIND AT THE

CITY BOOK STORE,

Fine Books, Books in sets, Books for the

Young, and for the Old.

BIBLES, ALBUMS, PICTURES,

MIRRORS, STATUARY.

All suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

J. H. BEVANS,

No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR.

Dec. 21, 1883

Merry Christmas!

And right merry it shall be for all our friends and customers if Low Prices, Nice Goods and prompt attention will make them so.

Our Store full of New and Beautiful Goods for Holiday Trade. Hundreds of choice and suitable articles for Christmas and New Year Gifts.

CLOAKS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, PLUSHES, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECKWEAR, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, HOSIERY, ETC., ETC.

All goods in the Millinery Department at half value to close the season. Handbags, Patterns, Turbans, Toques, Felts, made Hats, Plumes, Tips, Birds, Ornaments, Etc., Etc. See and price our goods.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

113 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

Dec. 1, 1883

WHAT TO GIVE

Relatives and friends for a Holiday Present

is the leading question at this season of the

year. Call at

Ferguson & Dillehunt's

and select from a large line of useful articles

such as:

CARVERS, NUT PICKS AND CRACKS,

COAL VASES, ROLLER AND ICE SKATES

CARPET SWEEPERS, FLUTERS,

CUSPADORS, GRANITE WARE,

CALL BELLS, CHILD'S TRAYS,

CHAMBER SETS, POCKET KNIVES,

CHAMBER PAIRS, KNIVES AND FORKS,

CRUMB TRAYS AND BRUSHES.

BERLIN TEA AND COFFEE SETS,

TIN TOY BANKS, CUPS, BUCKETS, HORNS, ETC.

Garland, Champion Monitor, Round Oak

AND JEWEL STOVES.

Prices low as the lowest, and your custom appreciated. Call and see us.

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT,

NO. 13 WATER STREET.

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.

Per week, payable to Carrier, 10 Cts.

One year, in advance, \$5.00

Three Months, 2.50

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 26, 1883

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

We have just returned from New York

with new prices on Rogers Bros. 1847

Knives. See us.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

Finest cutlery at D. F. Harnsberry.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

"Nobody's Child" at the opera house

Saturday night.

The loveliest blouse figures are at

Armstrong's drug store.

Now that Xmas is past stop at Peter

Ulrich's and give No. 4 a trial.

Seniors' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

Ten bench warrants are troubling some

of the boys. One is out for Mrs. E. A.

Davis.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

DECATUR has had good sleighing for

two weeks something unusual.

Snow at Niedermeyer's on the mound

and select home feed ready for use.

SAM LEE, 130 North Water street—m-

chasing ironed shirts, 10 cents, collar 3

cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. See 11-11-11

CANDIES, Nuts and Oranges for Christ-

mas at Wood Bros.

DECATUR, Abel & Lock's decorator,

will show you the noble patterns of

transformed window decorations. 17-12-12

For holiday presents in the jewelry

line, call on W. W. Sander. 20-14

Almost all the stores were closed yester-

day. The children found it mighty un-

handy to go about and cry "Christmas

is over."

Look at the mixed candy, 15 cents a

pound, at Wood Bros.

A new elegant celluloid toilet set, just

"too sweet for anything," may be found

at Armstrong's drug store.

J. W. Tyler, Jr., will provide you with

elegant horse blankets and stylish lun-

ettes.

E. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of

hard coal.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

Parties who had cutlery and bowls

were not enjoying the white and

frosty Christmas day.

Teachers wishing candies for Christ-

mas will be supplied at reduced rates by

Wood Bros.

The funeral of the late Zachariah E.

Ellen, brother of Mrs. E. A. Jones, of this

city, took place from the Episcopal church

at Springfield today at 10 o'clock. The

Deatur relatives of the deceased were

present.

MEN'S, Women's and Children's Arctic

Overcoats, at BARNER & BARNER'S.

A large light on the south side of the

park yesterday, in which a darky and

several young white men engaged, result-

ing in the arrest of the negro who was

promptly caged. The police are looking

for the other disorderly characters in the

gang.

Brownson, Dean on draught at Rich-

son's (Hobbs' Saloon, on East Main st.

Dec. 24-14 w

A White and Merry Christmas.

Treats for Children at the Churches—

Dinner Parties and Gifts.

One of the merriest of Christmas days

—white and frosty, good sleighing and

plenty of bracing air—is past, and old

folks and children are comparing gifts

and speaking joyously of the festivities of

one of the genuine festive days of the year.

There was an entire suspension of busi-

ness in Decatur, and everybody spent the

day pleasantly. The children were re-

membered at home and in the churches.

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Christmas festival at this church

occurred Monday evening, and it "drew

a full house," as usual. Special exercises

in which the children of the primary

classes mostly participated were observed,

and at the appointed time in dashed old

Santa Claus (Dick Snow) who hurried

about as if every moment was worth a

million dollars. He gave all the mem-

bers of the school gifts and then quickly

retired through the side door by which

he entered. Mr. Stine's version of old

Santa was quite new and provoked much

amusement. It was a happy time all round

and all went home happy.

AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

This church had a pretty Christmas

dinner for its 26 prisoners at the county

prison. It embraced all the substantial and

healthy delicacies.

A CRACK ON \$50.

Old Santa Claus stole a march on lots

of people, but when Chief Wayne arose

Christmas morning and examined his

stocking (the one he wore to the coffin

factory fire), he stuck in his thumb and

it said: "Presented to the Decatur

Fire Department by the Decatur Coffin

Co. for their efficient services at our late

fire." And the fire boys say, "Thanks,

gentlemen, should another misfortune of

the same kind occur we will get that,

eh?"

GRiffin's Gift.

They had a Christmas tree at the Afri-

can M. E. church last night, and among

the more noticeable presents which hung

from the branches was one for Miss

Francina Thomas, from Harry Griffin,

the colored barber who is a prisoner in

the county jail charged with the murder

of George Robinson, in front of the post-

office block. Miss Thomas was with

Griffin that Sunday night he was coming

from the church. Griffin was taking the

young lady home. He was first assailed

by Robinson and Griffin was so dazed by

the blow he received that he ran about

wildly, deserting his company. The gift

to Miss Thomas was a large paper photo

frame, decorated plentifully with red and

gold paper. It is quite a novelty and

shows that Griffin is something of an

artist in twisting white paper.

MILITARY BALL.

The Christmas Eve ball given by the

Decatur Rifles at Guards' Armory was

well attended and proved to be a most

enjoyable affair. The members of the

company appeared in parade uniforms,

and were courteous and attentive to all

the guests. Music for the 24 numbers on

the programme was supplied by Good-

John, Messrs. Ed, Willis, Frank and Geo. Johnson, and the host himself added

interest to the occasion by giving a sam-

ple of how he used to play the violin for

parties forty years ago.

The guests are profuse in their praises

of the hearty welcome extended them, and

said that they never sat down to a finer

dinner anywhere. Uncle Willis and his

good wife know how to entertain their

friends, as everybody who has been there

can testify.

There was a delightful social affair at

the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ewing,

350 West Decatur street, last evening. It

was arranged specially as a treat for the

children. There was dancing from 7 un-

til after 9, for which Wilhelm furnished

the music, and refreshments and gifts

were plentiful. Among the guests pre-

sent were Ex-Gov. and Mrs. Oglesby, of

Lincoln.

All the employees at D. S. Shellabarger

& Co's flouring mill were given a Christ-

mas oyster supper by Mr. and Mrs. D. S.

Shellabarger at their home last night.

The members of the firm and about 30

of the employees were present and partook

of the generous hospitality of the host

and hostess.

Big dinners were served at each of the

hotels, and everybody who could lived

high.

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